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September 4, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

Thankfully, HD 127 was not significantly effected by Hurricane Laura. As Texans who have been in that situation before, and recently, we are asking that those who are able to consider donating to those who have been severely impacted in Texas and Louisiana. We have included a few options for donating to those in need, which have been vetted by the South East Tourism Society.

With a growing number of discarded face masks, gloves and sanitizing wipes found littering roadways and parking lots, Don't mess with Texas called on the help of some celebrity friends to remind fellow Texans that the only safe way to dispose of used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is in a trash can. Follow these links to view new public service announcements (PSAs) from [George Strait](#) and [Matthew McConaughey](#).

Please note: both the Capitol and District Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020, in observance of Labor Day. We will return to work on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



Labor Day Office Closures

The District & Capitol offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020, in observance of Labor Day. Please utilize the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter or district127.huberty@house.texas.gov and your message will be addressed in the order it was received, once we return to work on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Hurricane Laura Donations



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of Southwest Louisiana

United
Way



United Way
of Southwest Louisiana



VOLUNTEER LOUISIANA
FOUNDATION

SEPTEMBER 1-10
9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM



The Mayor's H.E.R. TASK FORCE with
GALLERY FURNITURE, KROGER, RELIEF GANG, & A-ROCKET MOVING

HURRICANE LAURA RELIEF DRIVE

REQUESTED SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Diapers/Wipes
Cleaning supplies (especially with bleach)
Personal hygiene items
Nonperishable food
Bottled water
Pet food and supplies
Generators
Fans

Donations can be made at:
<http://houstontx.gov/laura-fund.html>

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER

1001 Avenida de las Americas Drive
Houston, Texas 77010
Chartres/Walker Street, Ground level, Hall D

GALLERY FURNITURE

6006 North Freeway
Houston, Texas 77076

A-ROCKET MOVING & STORAGE

3401 Corder Street
Houston, TX 77021

KROGER STORE LOCATIONS

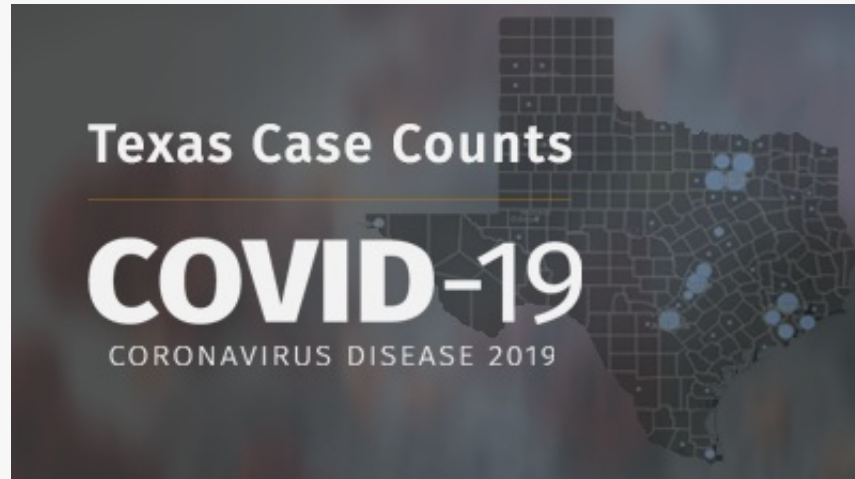
*Items can be purchased at Kroger Stores

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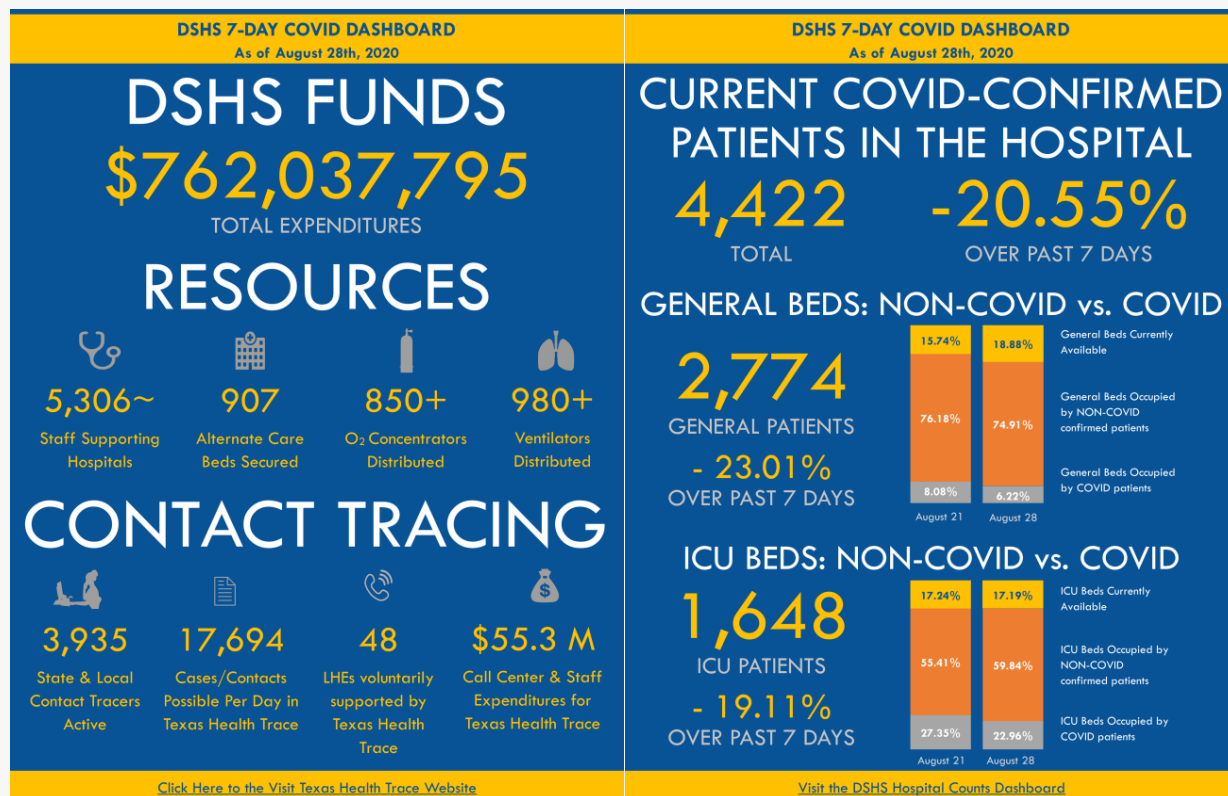


DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard



DSHS COVID-19 Week in Review





TxDOT URGES DRIVERS TO PLAN A SOBER RIDE THIS LABOR DAY...

AUSTIN - While there may be less traffic on the roads this Labor Day weekend, TxDOT is urging those who choose to go out and celebrate to plan ahead for a sober ride before any drinking begins. "We encourage people to enjoy the long weekend, but...

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www.txdot.gov

Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Extension of Emergency SNAP Benefits For The Month Of September



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Extension Of Emergency...

Governor Greg Abbott today announced the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$188 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of September as the Texas ...

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"Don't Mess with Texas®" Calls on Iconic Texas Voices to Stop PPE Litter



With a growing number of discarded face masks, gloves and sanitizing wipes found littering roadways and parking lots, Don't mess with Texas called on the help of some celebrity friends to remind fellow Texans that the only safe way to dispose of used Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is in a trash can.

Oscar winner and Minister of Culture/M.O.C. Matthew McConaughey and country music legend George Strait are lending their voices to new **video public service announcements** (PSAs) that urge Texans to clean up their act, including proper disposal of used PPE. The **PSAs** will air on TV networks, cable channels and digital platforms starting this week. Other Texas celebrities joining McConaughey and Strait in raising awareness about the issue are Mark Cuban, Eva Longoria, Marsai Martin, Ally Brooke and Brittany Broski. Each are using their social media channels to share a personal video message reminding followers that Don't mess with Texas means don't litter.

"Unfortunately, we're seeing a significant uptick in the amount of PPE litter. Not only is it unsightly, it is also harmful to the environment and a danger to public health," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the Don't mess with Texas campaign. "When you're done with your masks, gloves and wipes, do the right thing and dispose of them properly. This simple action helps keep Texas clean and safe."

To promote pride in keeping Texas litter-free, Don't mess with Texas cloth face masks are now available for purchase at [TexasHighways.com](https://www.texashighways.com) in the Mercantile shop. The masks are washable and reusable, and include a pocket for a filter to be inserted.

Approximately 362 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas roads every year with items discarded from vehicles accounting for half of all litter. It is illegal to litter in Texas. Those who are caught littering can face a fine of \$500. If the tossed litter weighs more than five pounds, the fine can increase up to \$2,000.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program. For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

National Preparedness Month



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

2020

Disasters Don't Wait.
MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.



House Public Education Committee Issues Requests For Information (RFIs)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and challenges in scheduling public hearings at this time, the House Committee on Public Education is conducting necessary oversight functions through an information gathering process under Section 301.014, Government Code.

This is notice that the House Committee on Public Education is seeking information and input from state agencies, interested parties, and the public in regard to the topics and questions outlined below. Submissions received in response to this request will be transmitted to members of the committee and posted on the House website.

The Committee has issued several RFIs to garner responses regarding COVID-19 and [Interim Charges](#).

Each RFI can be viewed at the links below:

- **Interim Charge 1:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900001.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 2:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900002.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 3:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900003.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 4:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900004.HTM>
- **COVID-19:**
 - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900005.HTM>

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word, written in a 10-point font or larger.
- Please submit a separate document for each topic to which you are responding.
- Submissions are to be limited to 5 pages of text in length.
- Submissions must be submitted via e-mail to education@house.texas.gov

Please include the following information in the submission email: submitter name, organization, or entity (if applicable and an authorized representative), mailing address, email, and telephone number.

The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Comments received in response to this Request for Information will be publicly posted on TLO, TLIS, and the House website. When submitting comments, please remove any personal identifying information, such as your personal phone number, residence address, or e-mail address. In the event it becomes feasible to safely conduct a public meeting, the Committee reserves the right to hold an in-person hearing on these charges.

City of Houston & Harris County Updates

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County
Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

Capitol & District Office Closures

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